



State of California
Governor's Office of Planning and Research

California Joint Land Use Studies

FACT SHEET

What is a Joint Land Use Study?

A Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) involves collaborative land use planning between local communities and active military installations. The JLUS program, administered by the Department of Defense (DOD), has two objectives: to encourage cooperative land use planning between military installations and the surrounding communities so that future community growth and development are compatible with the training and operational missions of the installation, and to seek ways to reduce the military's operational impact on adjacent land use. DOD's Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA) provides grants to state and local governments to conduct these studies.

What is the objective of the State of California's JLUS project?

The objective of the State's JLUS project is to safeguard the military mission while fostering compatible civilian growth in the study areas. The studies are intended to develop the commitment of participating local governments, the Department of Defense, and other public and private stakeholders to implement recommendations which will avoid or mitigate incompatible land uses.

What areas will be the focus of the State's JLUS project?

The State's project is broken into two distinct study areas:

- The **Beale Study Area** encompasses all lands in the vicinity of Beale Air Force base with actual or potential negative impact on military operations at the base, and lands upon which military operations at the base have an actual or potential negative impact. Given the central location of the base within Yuba County, it is expected that the study area will encompass most of the County.
- The **Southern California Study Area** includes Edwards Air Force Base, Fort Irwin, Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake, and the land beneath the Joint Service R-2508 Special Use Airspace Complex and associated military airspace. This 20,000-square-mile area encompasses portions of Fresno, Inyo, Kern, Los Angeles, Mono, San Bernardino, and Tulare Counties. The portion of the R-2508 Complex located in the State of Nevada is not included in California's study area.

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Who is involved with the project?

The Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) is the recipient of a grant from the Office of Economic Adjustment for undertaking the project. OPR will manage the project in close collaboration with local jurisdictions. The Yuba County Board of Supervisors has committed to supporting the Beale JLUS and to making a good faith effort to incorporate study recommendations into the next update of the County's general plan. In the Southern California Study Area, Kern County will share the responsibilities and duties of managing the project with OPR.

How will the project be undertaken?

In each study area, the project will entail stakeholder identification and outreach, data gathering, development of draft recommendations, public review and comment of a draft JLUS, and publication of a final JLUS. The project will be undertaken in four phases:

Phase 1: The JLUS for Beale Air Force Base will begin first, in collaboration with Yuba County and other local jurisdictions.

Phase 2: OPR and Kern County will use a "gap analysis" in the R-2508 Complex to identify current land uses and processes in place to avoid incompatibility. The gap analysis will provide essential information for the execution of the Southern California JLUS, and will help focus resources in an effective manner.

Phase 3: Once the gap analysis is completed, the Southern California JLUS will be initiated.

How long will the project take?

OPR plans to complete the JLUS for the Beale Study Area within one year of commencement. The Southern California Study Area should be completed within 18 months of the start date.

What is the status of the project?

OPR became the grantee for the project in August 2005. Since that time, OPR has worked with OEA, DOD's Land Use Interservice Working Group, and key stakeholders to draft a Scope of Work. In February 2006, OPR signed a contract with a consultant (Matrix Design Group) to begin the studies.

Additional Information

Additional information about the State of California's JLUS project can be found on the OPR website: <http://www.opr.ca.gov>.

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